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## SENATOR BECKHAM WILL SPEAK IN EAST KENTUCKY

FROM 18th TO 23rd HE WILL FILL  
APPOINTMENTS IN THE  
SANDY VALLEY.

United States Senator J. C. W. Beckham, candidate for re-election, will make a tour of Eastern Kentucky, starting next Monday.

On Friday, the 17th, he will speak at Jenkins or McRoberts. On Saturday, the 18th, at Pikeville.

On Monday, Sept. 20th, he will address the voters of Lawrence county at Louisa.

Tuesday, 21st, Prestonsburg. Wednesday, 22nd, Paintsville. Thursday, 23rd, Grayson. Thursday night, Olive Hill.

Senator Beckham is a clear, fair and able speaker, and it will be worth the while of every voter to hear him.

## \$500,000 Paid for Mine in Beaver Creek Field

Whitesburg, Ky.—The Old Colony Coal Company, a \$1,000,000 corporation of New York City, has purchased a new mining plant in the Beaver Creek coal fields north of here at a reported price of \$500,000. It is also said that this corporation will purchase surrounding properties.

The Holley Collieries Company, organized a few days ago in Ashland by Dr. M. M. Collins, will launch another large development in that territory. Nearly half a million dollars will be expended in the work.

As a result of the industrial activity in the Beaver Creek section the Floyd County State Bank has been organized and will open for business in Allen, a new town, within the next few days. D. B. Stephens and Henry Porter are back of the new institution.

At Allen, the Elmer-Elkhorn Coal Company is another new corporation organized by Elmer E. George, F. George George and Arthur George. It is planned to launch the new work at once.

All this new development will continue to tax the carrying capacity of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad entering the new field.

## MISS LOUISE ARNOLD DIES.

News of the death of Miss Louise Arnold, of Columbus, O., came very unexpectedly last Friday to friends in Louisa. She had been in poor health the past few years, but a short time ago had been reported as feeling better since going to the Adirondack mountains. She had been camping at Plattsburgh, N. Y., for the summer and her death took place there.

The body was brought to Ironton, Ohio, where on Monday afternoon funeral services were held from the home of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Arnold. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Hampton and burial was in Woodland cemetery.

Miss Arnold was the only child of Dr. and Mrs. O. Arnold, of Columbus, both of whom passed away a few years ago. She was a niece of L. S. Johnson of Frankfort, and frequently visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnson when they lived here. She was the guest of Mrs. Mary A. Horton about a year ago.

Miss Arnold was quite intellectual and very highly educated. She and her mother had spent much time in traveling not only in America, but in Europe.

## CALDWELL-POTTER.

The acknowledgment receipt of an announcement of the marriage of Miss Anna Sue Caldwell to Mr. Sol Potter, which occurred at Mater, Ky., Sept. 4, the bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Lucy Johns Caldwell, who formerly lived in Louisa. She has many friends here who will be interested in this item and who will wish her great happiness. She is a bright and pretty young lady.

## LARGE WINDOW BROKEN.

About 3 o'clock Wednesday morning the largest plate glass window in the Louisa National Bank building was broken by a brick thrown by some culprit.

A liberal reward has been offered and the guilty party will be apprehended, it is believed.

## MODERN EQUIPMENT IN HOME.

Wm. M. Fulkerson has his home below Louisa fitted with modern conveniences. He has had installed an electric light plant which also furnishes power for waterworks, an electric washing machine, and laundry outfit. This is the first equipment of this kind to come into Louisa.

## WILLIAMSON LAWYER IS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

A Noachester, well known Williamsburg, Va., lawyer, was killed in an auto accident at Pigeon Creek House, at four o'clock Monday. The car in which he was traveling turned over on its side, and he was killed instantly. Other members of the party were leaving the car before the accident.

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## TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT JENKINS, KY., SEPT. 18th.

The first tennis tournament to be held in Eastern Kentucky will be staged at Jenkins, Kentucky, on Saturday, September 18th, 1920. Entries from all towns in the eastern section of the state are invited to participate; each town presenting one entry for singles and one entry for doubles. An entrance fee of one dollar will be charged each contestant.

A beautiful loving cup of three handle design will be presented to the winner of the singles event, and an equally beautiful cup of two handle design will be presented to each of the winners of the doubles event. This will be known as the "Elkhorn A. A. Cup."

All aspirants for the championship of Eastern Kentucky are invited and hereby urged to place their names with Francis L. Rice, chairman tennis committee, Elkhorn Athletic Association, Jenkins, Ky. All applications must be in the hands of the chairman on or before September 15th, 1920.

## MINGO MURDER CASES CONTINUED AND MOVED

Williamson, W. Va.—On motion of the state and over objection of counsel for the defense, Judge James Damm, of Mingo county circuit court, ordered the trials of 24 men, indicted on charges of murder in connection with the killing of ten persons at Matewan last May, to be continued until January 19, 1921.

A change of venue to Greenbrier county was granted to those applying for it. In order to have the fairest possible trial, all these cases should be moved out of the coal fields.

## SURVIVORS OF THE 14TH KENTUCKY

Congressman W. J. Fields has very kindly secured a list of surviving members of C. G. 14th Ky. Infantry, of which we recently published a full list.

Editor, Big Sandy News, Louisa, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I observed in your issue of August 12, that you wanted a list of the soldiers who served in Company G, 14th Kentucky Infantry, during the Civil War that are now living, with their post office addresses. Through the courtesy of Mr. M. L. Dawkins, a native Kentuckian, now in the Government service, I have secured such a list, which includes all the survivors of said organization including recruits not borne on the list you published.

The list follows:

Ball, Greenville; Mattie Ky.  
Burton, Thomas J.; Wilbur, Ky.  
Chapman, Albert; Cuddey, Wis.  
Clevenger, Alexander; Shawnee, Okla.  
Collins, John C.; Paola, Kansas.  
Gibbs, Abraham; Mingo, Ky.  
Hager, Fernandez; Midkiff, W. Va.  
Kimbler, Joseph; Rooney, Ky.  
Lawson, George W.; Gladys, Ky.  
Pack, Thomas; Inez, Ky.  
Roberts, Reuben C.; Louisa, Ky.  
Wellman, Elissa F.; Halcorn, Ky.  
Whelchel, James; Faison, Ky.  
Young, Robert H.; Lowmanville, Ky.

I am glad to furnish this on account of the historic value of the data. It is a well known fact that this organization counted among its membership many of the men who have made the Big Sandy Valley famous, and their descendants are now among the most prominent citizens of East Kentucky.

Very truly yours,

W. J. FIELDS.

## The Lawrence County

## S. S. Convention

Because of the funeral of R. T. Burns, our former president and distinguished citizen, this was the shortest convention in the long and splendid history of our association. In the absence of the president, M. S. Byrns, vice president A. O. Carter presided. Dr. Anderson made a splendid address, and then the convention took up the business of electing officers. On motion all officers were reelected. After the convention adjourned it was ascertained that Mr. M. S. Burns, who has served so faithfully and well for ten years could not accept the presidency for another year. It is to be regretted, for he has done excellent field work at enormous expense of energy and time for all these years, but we have to submit to his decision. The duty naturally falls on Mr. Carter, the vice president. The association and the Sunday Schools of the county are to be congratulated on their own wisdom in selecting Mr. Carter for this position. There is no better man nor truer friend to the work than Mr. Carter. With love and honor to the retiring president, we turn with honor and love to support the new president.

W. J. VAUGHAN.

## AUTO LICENSE FEES TOTAL

## \$39,447 IN LAST MONTH

Frankfort, Ky.—A total of \$39,447.81 in automobile license fees was collected in Kentucky in July and August, 1920, compared with \$33,055.20 for the same period last year. In the opinion of James A. Scott, chairman of the State Tax Commission, the increase in automobile license fees this year will cover the entire expense of the tax department, amounting to \$40,000. The commission is planning for careful checking of the records of county clerks, who are under a heavy burden of work.

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## BRICK PLANT AT TORCHLIGHT IS BEING BUILT

NEW INDUSTRY OF LARGE IMPORTANCE NOW IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Through the enterprise of Mr. C. E. Stafford, the coal man, a large brick and tile plant will soon be a reality at Torchlight, five miles south of Louisa.

A large force of teams and men this week started the work of grading on the site for the big plant. It is expected to have it ready for operation in about three months.

The location is at the north end of Yellowtown on the west side of the river. The plans include a light steel, pier bridge, to carry cars and motors to a 1200 feet siding on the C. & O. railroad. The bridge will carry a foot-way on one side.

The main building is to be 300x70 feet. The kiln is to be of Drum patent construction, modern in every respect. Mr. Stafford has a fine electric plant on the same property.

This is a very important enterprise. It has been known for a long time that this locality contains large and very fine deposits of fire clay and building brick clay. In fact, these clays are found all around Louisa and at many places in the Big Sandy valley.

Brick and tile will be manufactured at Torchlight. The coal is there and the facilities for producing and handling the products will be the most economical possible.

Mr. Stafford is to be congratulated upon his success in promoting this enterprise.

## Another Hearing for Wagon Coal Mines

Washington.—Operators of wagon coal mines in Eastern Kentucky will be given a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission Wednesday, when they will protest against the recent order of the commission giving the priority right to use of gondola coal cars to the larger tipple mines.

Judge J. Flein Gordon, of Madisonville, who represented the wagon mine operators of Webster and Hopkins county last Saturday, will remain in Washington to attend the hearing of the Eastern Kentucky operators.

## Meeting of Oil Men at Louisa Friday Morning

An important meeting of oil operators with prominent oil men will be held in Louisa on Friday morning of this week.

Mr. Young, who is next in authority to Joseph Seep, of the Seep Purchasing Agency, will be one of the number who will meet the Big Sandy oil operators. Also, Mr. J. Hoeling, manager of the Kentucky branch of the Standard Oil company's interests, is expected to be present.

The exact place of meeting has not been announced. All persons producing oil or having royalty oil for sale in any considerable quantities should be present, as matters affecting them will be discussed.

## GAS CASE WILL BE HEARD OCT. 7

The Railroad Commission of Kentucky has over-ruled the motion of the United Fuel Gas Company in the case of the cities of Catlettsburg, Louisa and Ashland in regard to the price being charged in excess of that assessed against our neighbors just across the river.

The Railroad Commission has ordered a hearing of the case at Frankfort on October 7th.

Notice to this effect has been received by R. C. McClure, one of the attorneys for the cities.

## Notice To Teachers.

The last examination for this year and the last under the old law will be held at Louisa Sept. 17 and 18th. I advise all persons who are thinking of teaching to take this examination. After this year to be eligible for admission to the examination the applicant must have at least one year of High School, second year two, etc.

The applicant who makes a first class certificate in September will be qualified to teach anywhere in the State for four years without any other requirements. The party who makes a second class will be qualified to teach for two years without further preparation.

My Board of Examiners is paid by the day and their fee is the same with a few applicants as many, neither does the County Supt. benefit by the many or few. I am giving you this advice so that you may be prepared.

Sunday, the 13th, Miss Alma Allen, of Detroit, Mich., will spend the winter at Louisa.

Several attended to the funeral of Mr. Cecil Mahan, of Putnam, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zora and Mrs. Clara.

Miss Ethel Spradlin and Mr. Ollie Burke and daughter Elsie attended church Sunday at Buchanan.

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## KENTUCKY LEADS IN PRODUCTION OF OIL

Washington.—Kentucky and Tennessee oil fields, grouped together because there is only one large producing company in Tennessee led all States east of the Mississippi River in production of petroleum during July, according to statistics made public by the Geological Survey.

The Kentucky production, however, was less than that of May or June. Kentucky and Tennessee produced 749,000 barrels a daily average of 24,161 barrels during July. In June the production was 754,000 according to revised figures, a daily average of 25,133, and in May it was 768,000, a daily average of 24,774.

The production of the United States increased from 37,295,000 barrels in June to 38,419,000 barrels in July.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT WILLIAMSON

Albert Browning and Evaline Dawson, both of Red Jacket; W. T. Davis, of Williamson, and Elizabeth See, of Louisa; C. H. Boggs and Addie M. Ellis, both of Horsepen, W. Va.

## MORE THAN HALF OF APPLICANTS FAILED

Frankfort, Ky.—One thousand one hundred and forty-one persons were examined in August for county teachers' certificates, and of this number 562 passed. First-class certificates were received by 286, and second class by 276. A total of 242 persons passed the city examination, 152 of which sought primary, 71 elementary and 19 high-school certificates.

## ROAD WORKING LAW IN FORCE

There is an impression among a very great many people, especially those that do not want to work, that there is no law requiring all able bodied men between the ages of 15 and 50 years to work the road six days in each year. Now I want to say that this is a mistaken idea, there is a law of that kind and so far as I am concerned or am informed that law is going to be enforced in every instance and there is going to be no exceptions whatever. But I can not enforce this law without the overseers doing their duty.

It will be the duty for each overseer in the county to warn his hands not less than two days before the day upon which he is expected to work and it shall be the duty of said hand to provide himself with the necessary tools and implements and work upon the road to which he has been assigned six days in each year.

Heretofore overseers have been instructed to make their reports to the Justice of the Peace in the Magisterial District in which the road was located, but I find in a very great many instances this has not been done and I find that some hands work and some do not, and it is not fair to those that work to require other legal hands to work. The enforcement of this law is going to depend upon THREE THINGS:—IS HE A LEGAL ROAD HAND? WAS HE LEGALLY WARNED? AND DID HE FAIL TO WORK?

Further, this does not apply to road hands only, the various overseers over the county are going to be required to do their duty in warning their hands and they must file their reports, if they have no blank reports they can be had by calling upon or writing the County Clerk and they will promptly be furnished them. The overseers can not force his hands to work but he can do his duty and report them and when he has done this that is all the law requires of him, and he should make his report to me heretofore.

The law makes it a penalty for any one assigned to work upon a public road who shall, without good cause, fail to appear with proper implements, and do good work thereon, after having been notified for two days by the officer having supervision of the road, by him to give said notice and shall, upon trial and conviction before a Justice of the peace or the county judge, be fined for each day he so fails to work, two dollars and fifty cents. All such fines, when collected, shall be used for road purposes, and upon failure to pay, a CAPIAS PRO FINE may issue.

It has been the practice heretofore, in a great many instances, when a warrant or summons issued against a man for not working the road to come in and agree to put in his time if the case would be dismissed, which is equivalent to saying that I took the chance and got caught and am now willing to put in my time. This is not going to be the future practice of this court.

This law, good or bad as it may be, is a Statute law and not the product of a Fiscal Court, as some might think, and a strict observance of it will certainly give us better roads and the people have a right to expect its enforcement, and it is the purpose of this notice to give the people due knowledge of the future policy of this court that they may be advised and govern themselves accordingly.

Most respectfully,

BILLIE RIFFE,  
County Judge.

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## APPOINTMENTS BY THE CONFERENCE

WORK ASSIGNED TO MINISTERS  
OF THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH  
FOR NEXT YEAR.

The annual session of Western Virginia Conference, M. E. Church South, which includes one district in Eastern Kentucky, adjourned Monday at Parkersburg.

Williamson will entertain the conference next year, beginning the first Wednesday in September.

Following is a partial list of the appointments:

Ashland District.  
C. A. Slaughter, Presiding Elder.  
Ashland, First Church, Paul S. Powell.  
Ashland, Centenary, I. N. Fanning.  
Ashland, Oakview sta., H. V. Bennett.  
Auxier Ct., C. I. Fisher, Sup.  
Catlettsburg, A. P. Keyser.  
Dwale Ct., F. V. Allen, Sup.  
Fallsburg Ct., E. A. Kincaid, Sup.  
Fort Gay Ct., To be supplied.  
Grassland Ct., S. J. Campbell.  
Garrett Ct., To be supplied.  
Grayson, F. E. Lambert.  
Greenup Ct., E. H. Nichol.  
Hopewell Ct., W. J. Blankenship, Sup.  
Inez Ct., G. W. Alley, Sup.  
John's Creek Ct., L. D. Icard, Sup.  
Kavanaugh Ct., J. B. Parley.  
Kermit and Warfield Ct., To be supplied.

Louisa, Jas. D. Bell.  
Paintsville, H. S. Short.  
Pikeville, J. A. Bright.  
Prestonsburg, C. A. Powers.  
Prestonsburg Ct., To be supplied.  
Russell, H. K. Moore.  
So. Portsmouth Ct., O. P. Smith.  
Van Lear, T. E. Brooks.  
Wayland, W. H. Surgeon.  
Webbville Ct., To be supplied.  
Wheelwright Ct., V. D. Harmon, Sup.  
Pres. Jno. C. C. Mayo College, H. G. Sowards.  
Teacher Jno. C. C. Mayo College, C. A. Tague.

## Miss Marie Handley and W. W. Caines Wed

On last Saturday Mr. Woods W. Caines and Miss Marie Handley went to Ironton, Ohio, and were married.

The bride is a beautiful girl, well known in Louisa where she has attended school. She is a sister-in-law of Sheriff Wm. Taylor and has frequently visited here. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Handley, of Glenwood.

Mr. Caines, who lives at Putnam, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caines, former residents of Louisa. He is popular among his many friends. He is an industrious and promising young man and is present in employment in the Lawrence county oil fields.

## Rev. Shannon at Baptist Church Next Sunday Night

The other churches of the town have been invited to hear Dr. F. F. Shannon at the Baptist church next Sunday night and it is safe to predict that the attendance will tax the capacity of the building. Mr. Shannon expects to return to Chicago next week, so this will be the last chance to hear him.

## WILL NOT FIX COAL PRICES

Washington.—The Federal Government will not agree at the present time to fix prices on coal mined in Eastern Kentucky, or elsewhere for that matter, it was stated by officials of the Department of Justice, following the request made for such action by State Senator Charles M. Harris, Versailles, and attorneys representing the operators of the Harlan, Hazard, Northeastern and Southern Appalachian fields.

This request was made by the operators, it is said, as a result of the investigation now under way by the Federal grand jury in Covington of an illegal case of coal profiteering.

The operators asked United States Attorney Thomas F. Slattery of the Eastern Kentucky district to hold up this investigation pending the Supreme Court action on the constitutionality of the Lever act. But Mr. Slattery refused this request.

It was stated at the Department of Justice that the delegation representing the operators has submitted data on operating costs, which will be referred to Mr. Slattery. The grand jury, it was said by Henry L. Mitchell, of the department, will continue the investigation.

Roy Bell has been promoted to road bed inspector and has been assigned to work on the Midland Trail in Carter county.

J. B. Woods, J. P. Gartin and J. T. Swetnam have been appointed to redistrict the magisterial districts into voting precincts and will report the 15th.

G. J. Carter has bought from E. E. Shannon the residence now occupied by County Attorney D. E. Thompson, on Powhatan street and will occupy it soon.

## PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AT WEBBVILLE

To be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, beginning at 10 a. m.

Song, America.  
Devotional exercises by local ministers.

School sanitation by J. M. Dalton.  
School ethnics and drama by John W. Boege.

How to teach history to improve school government, Anna Young.  
The advantages of correlation and alternation, by Bert Wheeler.  
Round table discussion of the course of study, by the association.

M. E. SPARKS, Chm.

JOHN W. BOEGE, Sec.

## EASTERN STARS ELECT OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

At the meeting of Louisa Chapter No. 282, Order of the Eastern Stars, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Worthy Matron, Mrs. Josephine Rice.  
Worthy Patron, Mr. Otto Gartin.  
Associate W. M., Mrs. W. E. Queen.  
Conductress, Mrs. Rose Vaughan.  
Associate Cond., Mrs. Kay Lord.  
Secretary, Miss Helen Vinton.  
Treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Spencer.  
Adm., Miss Clara Bromley.  
Ruth, Miss Virginia Bager.  
Esther, Miss Jeanne C. C. C.  
Martha, Mrs. L. E. C. C. C.  
Electa, Mrs. C. H. W. C. C.  
Marshall, Miss Garnet See.  
Chaplain, Mrs. J. P. Gartin.  
Organist, Miss Lou Chaffin.  
Warder, Mrs. Victoria Pritchard.  
Sentinel, E. K. Spencer.  
Historian, Wm. M. Fulkerson.

## FEDERAL AID FOR ROADS OF STATE

Washington.—A warning to Kentucky and other states not to delay in absorbing their allotment of Federal road funds has been issued by Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture.

Kentucky's share is \$1,381,735, and the State must enter into contract with the Federal Government by July, 1921. Money not taken up by that time will be apportioned among the other States.

"If Kentucky absorbs this entire allotment it will mean that more than \$1,000,000 worth of Federal road construction will be absorbed in the Bluegrass State during the next two years," declared McDonald,